





# RE SOUTH KENTUCKIAN.

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The editor of the Louisville Democrat says he wants new names. We know several young lady friends in the same fix.

Mr. S. M. Griffin has sold out the Franklin Patriot to Mr. Lewis, of Gallatin, and will quit the journalistic business after a few short months of experience.

We trust our correspondents from Clarksville, Caniz, Casky and other villages will call things by their right names and cease to speak of those points as cities.

The Mayfield Monitor used one of our pot paragraphs, editorially, last week but spared us the disgrace of being credited as its author. The editor kindly added it for us.

Wm. H. Vanderbilt is said to be the richest man now living or who ever lived. His fortune is estimated at \$125,000,000, and he cats, drinks and sleeps just like the balance of us.

The Trigg Democrat and Crittenden Press both pay their respects to Hawthorne Hill for alleged misrepresentation in his letters to the Louisville Commercial from their counties.

We have received a copy of J. C. Ayer & Co's Almanac for 1881, printed in nine languages and neatly bound in a volume, for which they have our thanks. Of course we have read it through.

Gen. Garfield does not take kindly to the proposition to put Bruce, the Mississippi mulatto, in his cabinet. According to Republican ideas the negro is good enough to vote but not good enough to hold the fat offices.

Sarah Clark, an old negro woman, died at Booneville, Mo., on the 10th inst., aged 126 years. She was the mother of two children before the revolutionary war, and was by many believed to be older than Miss Susan B. Anthony, or Frank Bristow, of the Elkton Register.

It is said that Gen. Grant smokes imported cigars altogether and that they cost him \$11.25 per week. The most opulent and extravagant editors can't even afford to fumigate to such an extent and how a dead beat, out of a job, like Grant, can stand up under such expenses, is a mystery.

An exchange has found a woman in Montana who has not spoken a word for fifteen years. Her parents in 1865 refused to let her marry the man of her choice and she registered a vow never to speak to a living soul and she has religiously kept the vow. How many husbands would like to trade off their better halves for her!

Miss Selma Fetter made her debut as an actress at Louisville last week as Marianna in Sheridan Knowles' play "The Wife." She is 18 years old very beautiful, and rich and belongs to one of the most aristocratic families of Kentucky. She bids fair to rival Mary Anderson. She carried the house by storm throughout the piece.

We have received a copy of the annual catalogue of Messrs. Nantz & Neuner, florists, Louisville, Ky. These gentlemen are largely engaged in the culture of plants and everything in the way of vegetables and flowers and they will send their price list of seeds etc. free to anyone desiring to make selections from their stock. Address them as above.

Vick's floral guide for 1881 is before us and those who send 10 cents to Jas. Vick, Rochester, N. Y., will receive a very handsome work of 112 pages, and perhaps 500 elegant illustrations with a beautiful colored plate that is worth the price of the book. Send ten cents and get the guide from which to select your flower and vegetable seeds in the spring.

The lock in the Senatorial fight in Tennessee still continues. Savage, the low-tax Democrat, has withdrawn and Bailey, State-credit and Bate, Low tax are the leading Democrats, with Maynard gradually losing ground on the Republican side. A dark horse will probably be elected, unless the Democrats continue wrangling till the Republicans slip in one of their men.

The Nashville American thinks there's "luck in leisure" and that the Tennessee Legislature should take its time and elect a good man. Yes, but there is danger in delay. If two or three Democrats should be called away by sickness or anything of the kind, the Republicans would rally and elect Maynard or some other Republican to represent Tennessee in the U. S. Senate for the next six years.

An honest politician has been found and the eighth wonder of the world discovered. Eckley B. Cox, of Lawrence county, Penn., was elected to the State Senate. He read the oath to be taken by Senators and saw that he must swear that none of his money had been used in his election "for purposes not expressly authorized by law." He had not knowingly used money for such purposes, but he did not know that it had not been so used. He declined to take the oath and a new election was ordered. Bully for Cox! Give him a chromo!

The K. M. I. News of last week contained an article on "Oil Maids." Our advice to the school boy editors of that little sheet is to let old maids severely alone. We yet remember the time when we pitched into one with our little pen, and experience has taught us that between tackling an old maid and a buzz saw it is infinitely better to choose the latter.

"Straw" a new illustrated paper of the Puck order comes to our table this week. It is published at Louisville and besides having some excellent cartoons will undertake to publish the pictures of prominent men of the south with short biographical sketches. When our turn comes the editor can drop us a card and the facts and photograph will be forwarded forthwith.

There were 305 weddings in Christian county last year. The Kentuckyian says she is proud of her county in everything but her politics. We sincerely hope the day will soon come when this single exception will not have to be made.—Logan Sentinel.

Where did you get the idea that the South Kentuckian was of the feminine gender? In spite of the matrimonial boom that struck this county last year, the Kentuckyian in all its departments, unfortunately, remains strictly masculine.

## THE MADISONVILLE PRESS MEETING.

Last Wednesday afternoon found us at Madisonville and after counting noses the following editors were reported on hand and ready to begin business, in the meeting that had been called for that day: L. W. Coleman and E. L. Starling, Henderson Reporter; C. T. Allen, Princeton Banner; Urey Woodson, Muhlenberg Echo; C. W. Bransford, Owensboro Messenger and Examiner; Zeno F. Young, Madisonville Times, and Chas. M. Meacham, of the South Kentuckian. A grand ball was given the editors at the Belmont Hotel on Wednesday evening. The beauty and chivalry of Madisonville were out and the evening was very pleasantly spent in dancing, talking love etc. The next morning the meeting was called to order with Capt. C. T. Allen as temporary chairman and Col. E. L. Starling as temporary secretary. A committee on Permanent Organization was appointed and made the following report:

The Committee on Permanent Organization suggest that the Association be called the Western Kentucky Press Association; that L. W. Coleman, of the Henderson Reporter, be elected President; Zeno F. Young, of the Madisonville Times, Vice-President, and C. M. Meacham, of the Hopkinsville Kentuckian, Secretary. Signed by C. W. Bransford, Secy. Com. C. T. Allen.

The foregoing report was adopted, and officers elected as suggested. A committee of three was appointed on resolutions and reported the following which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in organizing the Western Kentucky Press Association we do not intend to withdraw from the Kentucky Press Association, but on the contrary, hereby declare our allegiance to said organization and our purpose to maintain our connection therewith.

Resolved, That we deprecate the custom some alleged papers have of clipping from exchanges without giving proper credit; that we consider such a practice both unprofessional and dishonorable, and we pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to discontinue an exchange with any paper guilty of the reprehensible practice.

Resolved, That we will adhere to our advertised rates in making contracts with advertising agents, patent medicine men and all outside advertisers, believing that no unjust discriminations should be made against home patrons.

Resolved, That this meeting notices with pleasure the action of several Circumlocutionary Committees of this State in making orders for the publication of sales of property under decrees of court, believing that such action works greatly to the advantage of the parties whose property is sold by giving publicity to such sales.

Resolved, That this meeting adjourn subject to the call of the President, and that the President and Secretary be requested to correspond with the members of the press of Western Kentucky, soliciting their co-operation with this convention, and that the President fix the time and place of the next meeting.

Prof. Kirby, of Lexington was present in behalf of the A and M. College of Kentucky.

Believing the press to be a great co-educator with the schools and colleges of the country, and in order to give more publicity to a matter that is imperfectly known or understood by a majority of people the members of the convention readily adopted the following in regard to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky:

WHEREAS, The State College founded under the act of 1862, and endowed by the general government and the State of Kentucky, is now in successful operation in Lexington; and

WHEREAS, The building now in course of construction and the staff of professors employed afford facilities for the accommodation and education of 500 students; and,

WHEREAS, Any Legislative enactment providing for the free tuition in the classical and scientific departments of four beneficiaries from each legislative representative district, and in the Normal school department of four from each county; and,

WHEREAS, It is of the utmost importance to our people that the benefits of an institution such as this should be enjoyed to the utmost, that the effort to build up and maintain a college of high order, comprehensive in its course of study, liberal in its management and unobscured in its character should be encouraged and sustained, and especially that it should be made a potent instrumentality in building up our school system by furnishing well qualified and well trained teachers to our Common schools, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Press of Kentucky, always ready to promote whatever tends to the diffusion of intelligence, the development of the resources of the commonwealth and the up-building of the legitimate in-

fluences which our people are by their geographical position entitled to, welcome the inauguration of an enterprise which makes a good education possible to every industrious youth, and pledge their support in fostering and maintaining by all legitimate means the growth of an institution which in the no distant future must become an honor to the State and the source of unnumbered blessings to its people.

The following resolution was offered, and after considerable discussion, referred to the committee on resolutions.

Resolved, That we recommend to brethren of the press the abolition of the editorial "we" by correspondents and contributors.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. Zeno F. Young, the proprietors of the Belmont Hotel and the citizens of Madisonville for the courtesies shown us while in their city.

This concluded the business and the meeting adjourned at noon, subject to the call of the President.

The courtesy with which the visitors were treated by the good people of Madisonville will long be remembered. The proprietors of the new Belmont Hotel opened their doors to them and entertained them in royal style. The hotel is just completed and everything is furnished up in metropolitan style. We feel safe in saying that no town of its size in the State has such a hotel. It is lighted by gas and the parlors and bed rooms are elegantly furnished. Messrs. Morton & Miles the proprietors spare no pains to administer to the wants of their guests and the table is abundantly supplied with the best the market affords. We would advise all our friends who visit Madisonville to stop at the Belmont.

Zeno Young, the genial editor of the Times did much to contribute to the pleasure and enjoyment of the editors, and he will long be remembered by them with grateful feelings.

The attendance was not as large as had been hoped but the work begun will not be allowed to end till much good is accomplished. Another meeting will be held at no distant day.

## STATE NEWS.

The Falmouth Independent has turned up its toes to the daisies.

The prisoners in the Anderson jail broke out but were all recaptured.

The Anderson News favors Jas. B. McGraw for Senator.

Elkton and Madisonville both want a public school building like ours.

The Glasgow Times has a copy of the Patriot, a paper published there in 1814.

Donnie Campbell, a negro man 100 years old, died in Marion county last week.

Byron Harris shot and instantly killed Robt. Huss in Clay, in self defense.

Candidate's for jailer in Scott county are already announcing themselves. Election August 1882.

Dr. A. W. Bartlett has resigned the superintendency of the Eastern Kentucky Lunatic Asylum.

H. E. Lenigan, one of the editors of the Flemingsburg Gazette published his "tata" last week.

A Daviess county steer weighs 1900 pounds, according to the M. and E.

Jno. Vonderheide will be hanged at Shelbyville, Feb. 25th, for rape and murder.

Mrs. Fanny Davenport plays in Owensboro to-morrow night on a guarantee of \$400, says the M. and E.

A man killed five wild turkeys "on the wing," in Caldwell county one day last week, says the Banner.

The Courier-Journal thinks a good way to dispose of our criminals would be to transport them to Alaska.

Capt. Jno. H. Shields, of the Clinton Democrat, has been appointed Master commissioner of Hickman county.

Nan White, a white woman, shot Eva Barnes, col., in the neck at Catlettburg, with a shot gun. She was tried and fined \$50.

Mr. Watkins, who was elected Sheriff of Trigg county, has resigned on account of ill health and Mr. Thos. Boyd, of Wallonia, has been appointed to the vacancy.

S. B. Vance, Jr., late of Henderson, Ky., committed suicide at Mt. Vernon, Ind., on the 14th, in pretty much the same manner that his brother-in-law Shouse did some weeks since.

The Frankfort Yeoman refuses to publish the census supervisor's report because of the many errors in it. A mistake of over 600,000 is made in the statement of Kentucky's population.

Mr. Gardner, of the Louisville Sunday Argus, died in New Mexico on the 15th inst., of consumption in the 29th year of his age. He had been sinking for some time.

W. H. DeHaven, an itinerant horse doctor, was leading Nat Parrish around by the ear at Glasgow, when the latter jerked out a knife and cut DeHaven's throat, killing him instantly. Parrish was tried and acquitted.

The Banner says a piece of hazelnut hull remained in the throat of a little child of Jno. P. Smith, forty seven days, during which the child fell off to a mere skeleton. It was coughed out and the child recovered.

Two Logan county hunters proposed to test their guns by shooting at each other. The distance was 150 yards, and one of them, Mr. Lyon, received five shots—three in the body and two in the head. Martin, who played target on the other side, escaped unharmed.—Post.

During the prosecution of Mrs. Brown for the murder of her husband in Indiana, she fainted and went into hysterics. She was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

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